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Department of State Attention: Mr. A. N. Abajian Office of Investigations Refugee Relief Program

FROM:

Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: HADAS, Ludwig

- 1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum IRP/967, dated 27 May 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.
- 2. The files of this office contain numerous references to Ludwig (aka Lajos) RADAS. Pertinent information concerning Subject is furnished below.
- 3. Information contained in a report dated 25 August 1950 received from a fairly reliable source reflected that Colonel Lajos NADAS was head of the strategical section of the Brotherhood of Rungarian Warriors (MHRK). He was formerly in charge of the intelligence section of this organization. NADAS, described as a member of the pro-Nazi Arrow Cross organization, was said to hold different political beliefs from that of General Andres ZAKO, President of the MHBK.
- 4. According to a report dated 24 February 1949 received from a fairly reliable source Colonel NADAS was reportedly a pro-German officer and a pro-Germany organizer in the Bungarian Army during World War II. He was Chief of the Hungarian War Ministry's Strategic Section and was said to be a staumch supporter of Karoly BEREGFFY and Ferenc SZALASY at the time of Admiral Niklos HORTHY's proposed exmistics proclamation in October 1944.
- 5. A reliable source, in addition to open sources, indicated the: NADAS publicly renounced Admiral HORTHY's proposed armistice with the Allies on 15 October 1944 by falsely claiming that he spoke for HORTHY. This action was said to have prolonged Hungary's part in the war with the Allies.
- 6. In addition, you are referred to Despatch No. 604, dated 2 October 1952, from the American Embassy, Vienna, Austria, subject: Activities of Hungarian Refugee Groups in Austria.

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7. It is suggested that a contact be made with the Department of the Army for a report which is more readily disseminable by the Department of the Army than by this office. (Reference: Report No. 8-13344, from CIC, Salzburg, Austria, dated 27 May 1952, subject: NADAS, Lajos: Former NEDK Organizer and Functionary.)

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